



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	October	2024		30 th	September	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Churches together in Basildon

Other names charity is known by

Project 58:7, School Teams Ministry

Registered charity number (if any)

267593

Charity's principal address

16 Norsey Close

Billericay

Essex

Postcode

CM11 1AP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Johnathan Barford			
2	David Donoghue	Chair		
3	Hilary Nesta Donoghue	Secretary		
4	Thelma Ruth McLaren			
5	Tim Justice		13 th January 2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees have adopted policies that are relevant to the organisation in key areas e.g. Finance and Safeguarding.

These policies are reviewed regularly.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objects are to develop the work of the Christian church in Basildon and the surrounding area by the advancement of the Christian religion; relief of poverty, suffering, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and other such activities as charitable and in accordance with English law.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities of CTB are:

- a) to enable Churches in Basildon to bear a more united witness in the community and to serve it more effectively
- b) to provide a free hot meal and drink throughout the year, 7 days a week and support to any adult in need, rough sleeper or homeless person.
- c) to bring a Christian message to primary schools in Basildon, by attending and running assemblies on termly basis.

We also provide a forum to share and assist other local Christian organisations or activities in the local area, to help the young, old, vulnerable and those with financial or other needs.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our volunteers, who have enabled us to continue and expand our activities this year.

There have been only one joint celebrations in the year, where member churches join together for time of worship and a message.

Our main activities are centred on the homeless and primary school children.

The support for the homeless (58:7) operates 7 nights a week providing a free hot meal and drink. Guest numbers fluctuate but remain between 10 and 20 a night. The guests bring with them needs varying from genuine homelessness, mental health issues, addictions and simple loneliness.

We provided clothes where needed and in the colder months, sleeping bags and tents. The meals are prepared by a team of volunteers, some of whom provide the meals for free, others we pay up to £2 per meal, 2,714 paid meals were provided in the year, slightly less than the previous year. We are grateful to those volunteers who provide the meals free of charge.

We are not expecting a reduction in the meals provided, we have however seen the need for our services being required because of the cost of living crisis.

Funding for this project has historically been fundraising through an annual sleep out, but this year we have also applied and received grants for this work, which is used to pay for the meals.

Our school activities through STM are now taking place in 28 schools in the area. This work enables us to reach more than 10,000 children plus teachers each half term with a Christian based message at their assemblies. The work has now extended to supporting some schools with RE lessons, with conversations taking place to extend this into more schools.

We have always supported the Basildon Emergency Night Shelter (BENS) with both financial, volunteer and premises support. The Charity, BBWCVS, that has previously run it has closed and we have been discussing how CTB can help to enable it to continue this year. We have been provided with a grant of £40,000 towards this, although the cost of this year's project is budget at £70,000. We are finalising arrangements for the operations of BENS to be carried out by ACE Impact a CIC set up by the staff previously at BBWCVS, who have the experience and knowledge to run the project. They will also assist with fundraising. This project ties in with the 58:7 project as they both serve similar communities.

During the year we also explored how CTB could support the local branch of Christians against Poverty, this resulted in a steering group on which CTB are represented running both the Brentwood and Basildon branches with operations run by a Church in Brentwood.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure funds are sufficient for the current activities to continue.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of income is from affiliation fees of the member churches and donations from those churches and their members. This is normally supplemented with fundraising activities and grants.

Funds have been sufficient to support the children's and homeless ministries.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) *David Donoghue*

Andrew Churchill

Full name(s) David Donoghue

Andrew Churchill

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Treasurer

Date 19/01/26



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Churches together in Basildon

267593

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st October 2024	To	30th September 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Affiliation fees	1,350			1,350	1,500
Offerings	96			96	379
Donations		22,350		22,350	21,470
Fundraising		8,362		8,362	9,423
Gift aid	1	1,924		1,924	3,437
Interest		344		344	175
Grants		44,813		44,813	550
Insurance claim				-	206
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,447	77,792	-	79,239	37,140
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,447	77,792	-	79,239	37,140
A3 Payments					
Salaries and related payments		24,691		24,691	22,950
Cooks expenses		4,000		4,000	5,226
Storage costs				-	
Insurance	557			557	557
Safeguarding	150	16		166	145
Licenses				-	294
Supplies		577		577	
Donations	1,000			1,000	1,000
Food bank donations				-	2,920
Other	35			35	1,213
Sub total	1,742	29,285	-	31,026	34,305
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,742	29,285	-	31,026	34,305
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 295	48,507	-	48,212	2,835
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,965	17,489	-	20,453	17,619
Cash funds this year end	2,670	65,996	-	68,666	20,454

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	220	1,033	-
	Savings account	2,450	64,963	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,670	65,996	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Andrew Churchill	Andrew Churchill	19/01/2026
		David Donoghue	David Donoghue	19/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Churches together in Basildon

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2025

Charity no
(if any)

267593

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/ 09 /2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *J Seager*

Date: 19/1/26

Name: John Seager

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address: 27, Danbury Down

Basildon

Essex SS14 2SP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.